

REMARKS

Claims 40–63 are pending in the subject application as a result of the preliminary amendment submitted January 31, 2006, in which claims 1–39 were canceled.

The subject Office Action contains an error in that it addresses claims 1–39 rather than claims 40–63.

The Applicant respectfully requests that a new Office Action be issued to correct the error by addressing the pending claims and that the previously set period for reply be restarted to run from the date the error is corrected, pursuant to MPEP 710.06.

Each stated objection and ground of rejection has been addressed or traversed, and re-examination and reconsideration of the application is now respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fees are due with the submission of this Amendment and Reply. However, if a fee is due, Applicant authorizes the payment of any additional charges that may be necessary to maintain the pendency of the present application to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 503342.

Respectfully submitted,

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